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to him to allow the Petitioner a Temporary Occupation of the said Island so long as Your Majesty shall think fit to continue an establishment at Detroit, provided this can be done without Umbrage to the Indians, and upon Consideration that the Improvements projected by the Petitioner will be directed to the more easy and effectual Supply of Your Majesty's Fort and Garrison maintained at Detroit. [VI. pp. 151–3, 159.]

[54.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of 12 Dec. William Coleman, merchant of London, for a day for hearing St. Christopher his appeal from a decree of the St. Christopher Chancery, 12 June, 1767, on a bill filed against him on a matter of account by Thomas Truman, Abednego Matthew and Jane his wife, and others. A cross-appeal is similarly referred on 11 May, [p. 530; VI. pp. 106, 178, 195.]

[On the Committee report of 14 March, both appeals are (1769.) dismissed. Sir Charles Paine is the only other name mentioned 14 April. in the report.] [VI. pp. 496, 537.]

[55.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Gabriel Christie, deputy-Quartermaster-General of the forces in North America, for a day for hearing his appeals from judgments of the Lieut.-Governor and Council of Quebec, 29 Dec., 1766, affirming judgments of the Supreme Court, 14 Sept., 1765, on actions brought against him by (a) Francis Noble Knipe and John Le Quesne, merchants of Montreal, and (b) by Knipe alone, for trespass by impressing several artificers and workmen employed by them.] [pp. 493, 538.]

[On Committee reports of 31 May, the judgments are reversed and the actions dismissed. Knipe and Le Breton were building a ship of 250 tons to send to London with a cargo in Sept., 1763, and Knipe another of 230 tons to be sent in May, 1764. In July, 1763, the workmen engaged on the former vessel and in Feb., 1764, those on the latter, were impressed by Christie for his Majesty's service, under instructions from Brigadier General Burton, Governor of Montreal, and employed in building and repairing boats. The petitioners

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